[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : He want to speak about 'Safai Karmacharis' for a minute.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will also get a chance. Mr. Mandal you sit down please. I have called him.

[English]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : I have given a notice yesterday. The House was informed that all the notices given for Zero Hour would be allowed. I am asking you to allow me to speak now. That was the ruling which was given by the Chair. I am not saying anything wrong. I am just telling you that I have the right to speak now.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is yesterday's list. Here also your name is not there.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : I was told it is there. I may be allowed to speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is at S.No. 36.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : The propriety is that any other Member who has given the notice on the same matter should be allowed to speak. Shri George Fernandes has spoken. I am not allowed to speak. What is the justification?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Prabhu Dayal Katheria is raising a very important matter. I have allowed him.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I urge you that 50 years have passed since we got independence ....*(Interruptions)*

14.00 hrs.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Why can you not wait for it?

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : The issue has been raised in the House. It is concerning the same issue. How you can deprive us of our chance to speak on it? ...*(Interruptions)* It is not right to allow him to speak...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : There are six names in one notice. Shri George Fernandes's name is the first. So, I will call him later on. I can call one member to speak.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Mr. Chairman, Sir, My notice is also on the same subject...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am talking about entire India. It is unfortunate that there is a proposal in this regard from State Government....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Your notice is on a different matter.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will have to adjourn the House. I want to know for you whether you want to run the House or not. If you want to run the House, then you please go to your seat and keep quite.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA (Bombay South) Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have been given notices for the last three days regularly, even then I am not being given a chance to speak and to raise the issue relating to constituency ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Sir, you please call Special Session to discuss only Bihar affairs. We are not standing in the way.....*(Interruptions)* If it goes on like this when do we get the chance? Other matters are also important, We do not have enough time in this Session to discuss the other important matter. ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Twenty Members have given notices on the same issue. should I allow all the twenty members to speak? What do you think about it....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Should I call all the twenty hon. Member to speak? We can go by the serial member in the list.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, whatever has been stated by Shri Mangal Ram Premi, I would like to raise the same issue with reference to entire India instead of confining it to Uttar Pradesh. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of our independence, the payment of salaries of 'Safai Karmacharis' is being withheld. Why the payment of salaries of these poor people is being withheld? Have the salaries of any IAS or I.P.S officer ever been withheld? Then why the 'Safai Karmachari' are being meted out such treatment...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will have to adjourn the House.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House stands adjourned to meet at 3 p.m.

14.04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till fifteen of the Clock.

1506 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Six Minutes past Fifteen of the Clock.

[SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE *in the Chair*]

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, the House will start functioning. We take up Item No. 24 of the List of Business, that is, Constitution (Eighty-first Amendment) Bill, 1997.

I call upon Shrimati Sushma Swaraj to speak on it.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai North) : Madam, I am on a point of order.

MR. CHARIMAN : Yes. What is your point of order?

SHRI RAM NAIK : Madam, there are two points. Firstly, Matters Under Rule 377 have to be taken up first. Secondly, under the rules, a notice has to be given and then the Chair has to give the permission for changing the order of the list of the Business already listed. That is upto the Member concerned and then you con give your ruling. Otherwise, it will upset the order.

MR. CHAIRMAN : All right. Thank you very much.

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : Madam, kindly take up Matters Under Rule 377 first.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Thank you very much for your proper advice.

Now, the House will take up Matters under Rule 377. I hope after Matters Under Rule 377, this Bill will be taken up for discussion.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I said, 'I hope.'

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You cannot stop me 'hoping'.

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA (Samastipur) No, How can you do that? I am on a point of order.

You can change the order of the list of the Business only after seeking the opinion of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I also said that.

Now, Matters Under Rule 377.

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : After that you will have to seek the permission of the House for taking up that Bill.

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You should be hopeful. I will seek the permission of the House.

...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shall we start Matters Under Rule 377 now?

SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY (Amalapuram) : Madam, I may be allowed to raise my issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Matters Under Rule 377. Those hon. Members whose names are balloted can only raise their matters now.

SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : Madam, I have been trying to speak for the last three days in Zero Hour but every day I have been denied...*(Interruptions)* I went to raise a very important matter about the scheduled castes and freedom fighters. Please give me only two minutes and not more than that. I beg your pardon....*(Interruptions)* .... I do not have the voice to shout in this House. it is not democracy that is prevailing. It is only the leaders who can speak. It is only those who can shout can speak. No democracy at all. All Bihar, Bihar. Please forgive me. Please permit me to speak for two minutes only to raise my issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Murthy, I have full sympathy with you but I am duty bound to take up Matters Under Rule 377 now.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAKASH VISHWANATH PARANJPE (Thane) : He is talking about democracy. In democracy, member of one House of Parliament are getting gas coupons and we are not getting them. What is happening to that? He is talking about democracy. Both are Members; they are Members of the Rajya Sabha and we are Member of the Lok Sabha. They are getting gas coupons and we are not getting them.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House shall now take up Matter Under Rule 377.

SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : Please give me two minutes.